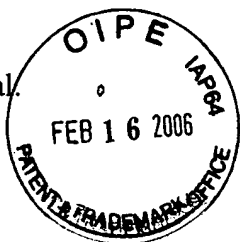


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In re Application of
Jeffrey D. Anderson et al.

Serial No.: 09/871,127
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For: INTERNALLY THREADED FASTENER
AND STEMMED WASHER ASSEMBLY
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Patent No.: 6,899,503  
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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE  
OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.322**

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.322, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to issue a Certification of Correction in the above-identified patent to reflect the corrections shown in the attached Certificate of Correction Form PTO/SB/44, two copies of which are enclosed.

Applicants stress that the error is due to a mistake by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, rather than the Applicant. The front page of the issued patent is missing one of the joint inventors, specifically, James P. Langford. The Applicants previously filed a Request to Correct Inventorship Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(1) on August 28, 2003. A copy of the Request to Correct Inventorship and the PTO-stamped postcard is enclosed for convenience of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The PTO-stamped postcard indicates receipt of the Request to Correct Inventorship by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 8, 2003. As a result, the error is clearly due to a mistake by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Due to the nature of this mistake, the Applicants respectfully request a Corrected Patent as the more appropriate form for adding the inventor's name on the front page of the patent. Specifically, the Applicants submit that:

If the nature of the mistake on the part of the Office is such that a certificate of correction is deemed inappropriate in form, the Director may issue a corrected patent in lieu thereof as a more appropriate form for certificate of correction, without expense to the patentee.

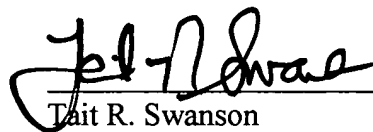
37 C.F.R. § 1.322(b). For this reason among others, the Applicants respectfully request that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issue a Corrected Patent without expense to the patentee.

In view of the Patent Office's mistake, no fees are believed to be due in relation to this request. However, if any fees are deemed necessary to process this Certificate of Correction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1315; Order No. ITWO:0006/YOD/SWA (12990).

Upon completion, please forward the Correct Patent (or Certificate of Correction) to the undersigned attorney at the address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 9, 2006



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Sir:

**REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(1)**

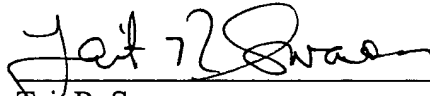
Applicants hereby request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 to add James P. Langford as a joint inventor along with the originally named inventors, Jeffrey D. Anderson, Kent D. Homfeldt, and Michael E. Ward. Enclosed is a statement from Mr. Langford that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his part; a Declaration attached to a copy of the specification as originally filed and signed by all of the actual inventors; and the written consent of the Assignee. Applicants respectfully submit that this Request complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(1)-(5). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request grant of this Request to correct the inventorship of the above-referenced patent application.

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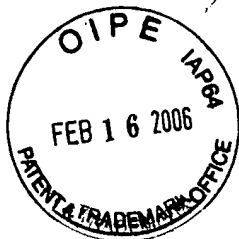
The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$130.00 for the change of inventorship, and any additional fees that may be required, to the credit card listed on the attached PTO-2038. However, if the PTO-2038 is missing, if the amount listed thereon is insufficient, or if the amount is unable to be charged to the credit card for any other reason, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1315; Order No. ITWO:0006/SWA for the change of inventorship.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 28, 2003

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## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **INTERNALLY THREADED FASTENER AND STEMMED WASHER ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, U.S.C. §119 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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We hereby appoint Mark W. Croll (Reg. No. 31,098); Donald J. Breh (Reg. No. 30,159); Lisa M. Soltis (Reg. No. 40, 623); John H. Pilarski (Reg. No. 33,028); Paul F. Donovan (Reg. No. 39,962) and Benjamin J. Hauptman (Reg. No. 29,310) of ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., 3600 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, Illinois 60025; and Patrick S. Yoder (Reg. No. 37,479), Michael G. Fletcher (Reg. No. 32,777), Ralph A. Graham (Reg. No. 47,607), Tait R. Swanson (Reg. No. 48,226), and Robert A. Manware (Reg. No. 48,758) of FLETCHER YODER, 7915 FM 1960 West, Suite 330, Houston, Texas 77070, jointly, and each of them severally, our attorneys, with full power of substitution, delegation and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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We hereby direct that all correspondence and telephone calls in connection with this application be addressed to Tait R. Swanson, 7915 FM 1960 West, Suite 330, Houston, Texas 77070, (281) 970-4545.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that all such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of first joint inventor: **Jeffrey D. Anderson**


Inventor's signature:  Date: 8/20/03

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Citizenship: **U.S.A.**

Post Office Address: **527 Valley Forge Drive, South Elgin, Illinois 60177, U.S.A.**

Full name of second joint inventor: **Kent D. Homfeldt**

Inventor's signature:  Date: 8-20-03

Residence: **961 St. Charles Street, Elgin, Illinois 60120, U.S.A.**

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Full name of third joint inventor: **Michael E. Ward**

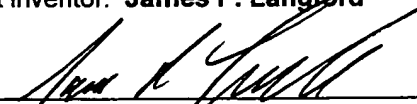
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Full name of fourth joint inventor: **James P. Langford**

Inventor's signature:  Date: 8/12/03

Residence: **212 W. James Dr., Port Washington, WI 53074, U.S.A.**

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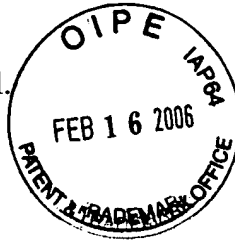
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Sir:

**STATEMENT OF INVENTOR  
IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(1)-(2)**

I, James P. Langford, hereby declare as follows:

1. My residence, post office address, and citizenship as set forth below, adjacent my signature.
2. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-referenced application, and I believe myself to be the original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed in the above-referenced application.
3. I hereby request to be added as a joint inventor on the above-referenced application, and I hereby affirmatively state that the error in inventorship occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

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Name: James P. Langford

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Address: 212 W. James Dr.

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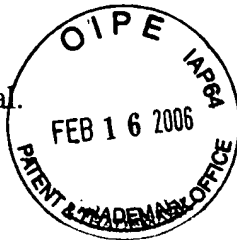
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Sir:

**ASSIGNEE CONSENT TO CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(5)**

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., the current assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above identified application, hereby consents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 and § 3.73 to the addition of James P. Langford as a joint inventor.

The undersigned avers that the undersigned is authorized to sign this statement on behalf of the current assignee ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

Date: 8/18/03

Signature: *Paul F. Donovan*  
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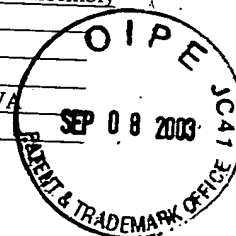
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